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Case Number: DA 16-0315

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF J.M.S.,

Youth in Need of Care.

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ORDER

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Counsel for the Appellant grandfather and former guardian of J.M.S. filed a motion and brief asking to be allowed to withdraw from this appeal on grounds that she has been unable to find any nonfrivolous issues to raise on appeal, pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967). The Court granted the Appellant time to respond personally to his counsel's motion, but he did not file a response within the time allowed.


The Court has now independently examined the record pursuant to *Anders*. We conclude there are no arguments with potential legal merit that could be raised in the Appellant's appeal in this case.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that this appeal is DISMISSED.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to the Appellant personally.

DATED this 29 day of November, 2016.


Chief Justice


Patricia Potter

Michael W. ...

David ...

Robert ...

James ...

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Justices